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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: RESTRICTED MEETING, JULY 28, 1975
TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 82

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1. SUMMARY: STOESSEL MADE STATEMENT (AS PER REKTEL)
PROPOSING RECESS UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER SO THAT US CAN
STUDY "SIGNIFICANT" SOVIET JULY 24 PROPOSALS AND COMPLETE
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PREPARATION DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR TABLING IN SEPTEMBER.
STATEMENT BRIEFLY REVIEWED REMAINING IMPORTANT ISSUES
TO BE RESOLVED, WORK ON WHICH FOR US WOULD BE FACILITATED
BY BRIEF RECESS. MOROKHOV REPLIED THAT SOVDEL PREPARED

TO WORK WITHOUT SURCEASE, BUT IF US NEEDS "HOMEWORK TIME" TO WORK ON WHAT MOROKHOV PLEASED TO SEE US CONSIDERED "MAJOR STEP" OF SOVIET PROPOSALS HE COULD GO ALONG. OF REMAINING ISSUES MENTIONED IN US STATEMENT, ONLY ONE UPON WHICH MOROKHOV COMMENTED WAS LTBT COMPLIANCE. HE COULD NOT AGREE WITH US CONCLUSIONS REGARDING IZRAEL PRESENTATION. IN USSR VIEW EXCAVATION EXPLOSIONS "CAN AND SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT VIOLATING LTBT." MOROKHOV SAID TIME IS RUNNING SHORT FOR CONCLUDING PNE AGREEMENT, AND EXPRESSED HOPE TO HAVE US COMMENTS ON SOVIET PROPOSALS DURING RECESS. END SUMMARY.

2. RESTRICTED MEETING JULY 28 (STOESSEL/BUCHHEIM/MARTIN/TUNIK -- MOROKHOV/TIMERBAEV/SAFRONOV/KOVALEV) BEGAN WITH STOESSEL STATEMENT NOTING SOVIET JULY 24 PROPOSALS WERE USEFUL AND "SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS," AND BROUGHT POSITIONS OF TWO SIDES CLOSER TOGETHER. THERE ARE, STOESSEL SAID, SOME REMAINING QUESTIONS WHICH NEED TO BE RESOLVED. HE LISTED: IMPLEMENTATION OF VERIFICATION OF GROUP EXPLOSIONS; OBSERVER RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS IN GENERAL; LTBT COMPLIANCE; YIELD LIMITS, OOTH INDIVIDUAL AND AGGREGATE; AND COOPERATION.

3. STOESSEL SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PROPOSE RECESS UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER SO THAT RESPONSE TO NEW SOVIET PROPOSALS AND PREPARATION OF PNE AGREEMENT DRAFT LANGUAGE COULD BE COMPLETED. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR USDEL TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORK.

4. MOROKHOV REPLY BEGAN BY SAYING THAT SOVIETS TAKE NOTE OF STOESSEL COMMENT THAT US NOW CONSIDERING SOVIET PROPOSALS, AND ARE GREATLY PLEASED THAT US ESTIMATES THEM TO BE "MAJOR STEP" IN NEGOTIATIONS.

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5. MOROKHOV ALSO TOOK NOTE OF COMMENTS ON ISRAEL PRESENTATION ON LTBT COMPLIANCE. MOROKHOV COULD NOT AGREE WITH CONCLUSIONS US DRAWS FROM THIS PRESENTATION. INDEED, IN SOVIET VIEW CONCLUSIONS ARE QUITE CONTRARY. USSR BELIEVES THAT EXCAVATION EXPLOSIONS "CAN AND SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT VIOLATING LTBT." COMMENT: MOROKHOV COMMENTS ON LTBT COMPLIANCE WERE EX TEMPORE; REMAINDER OF HIS REMARKS WERE FROM PREPARED STATEMENT. END COMMENT.

6. TURNING TO PROPOSAL FOR RECESS, MOROKHOV UNDERLINED THAT SOVDEL PREPARED TO WORK ON STEADFASTLY, WITHOUT FLAGGING OR FLINCHING. HE ADDED, MORE SERIOUSLY, THAT

THE TIME FOR WORKING OUT A PNE AGREEMENT IS BECOMING MUCH SHORRTER AND, THEREFORE, TIME IS AN URGENT FACTOR. HOWEVER, IF US NEEDS TIME IN WASHINGTON FOR "HOMEWORK", USSR PREPARED TO ACCEDE TO SHORT WORKING RECESS.

7. IN THAT REGARD, HOWEVER, MOROKHOV UNDERLINED ONCE MORE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING PROGRESS, AND SAID HE WOULD LOOK FOR US ANSWERS TO SOVIET PROPOSALS "IN THE NEAREST TIME" -- EVEN BEFORE AN EARLY SEPTEMBER RESUMPTION. HE WOULD ALSO EXPECT THAT USDEL WOULD HAVE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS IN HAND AT TIME OF RESUMPTION SO THAT PNE AGREEMENT COULD BE WORKED OUT. HE REPEATED THAT HIS DELEGATION ALREADY HAS SUCH INSTRUCTIONS.

8. MEETING ENDED WITH EXCHANGE OF COURTESIES AND THANKS BY BOTH STOESEL AND MOROKHOV, WITH FORMER MAKING POINT THAT RECESS NOW BEST WAY TO PROCEED RAPIDLY TOWARDS CONCLUSIONS OF PNE NEGOTIATIONS.
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